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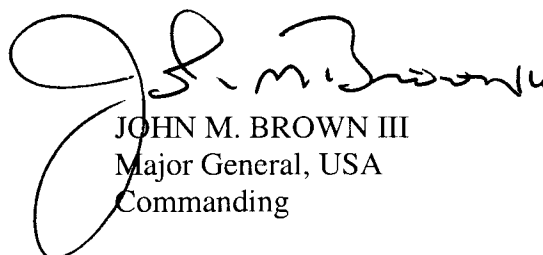
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CG/CoS Policy Statement #0-2)

1. Substance abuse has no place in a combat ready Army – it will not be tolerated. Drug and alcohol abuse are associated with a host of problems to include impaired driving and traffic accidents, child and spouse abuse, unacceptable debt, on-the-job injuries, and serious mental and physical illness. The consequences of Alcohol and Drug Abuse are so debilitating to unit readiness and community well-being that AR 600-85 requires all drug abusers, and those involved in two serious incidents of alcohol related misconduct in a year be processed for elimination.
2. The Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) is the commander's tool that orchestrates an appropriate response to the substance abuse threat. Use it. Program components such as the Risk Reduction Program (RRP), Unit Risk Inventories (URI), annual prevention campaigns, quarterly unit prevention education, Installation Safety Stand Down Days, and the most effective deterrent to drug use, the "SMART TESTING" program, are available to commanders. Take a proactive stance.
3. Designed within ASAP services are voluntary programs for civilian employees, family members, and teens in the form of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service (ASACS). Leaders at all levels should encourage the use of these programs when addressing domestic difficulties experienced by subordinates.
4. Commanders and supervisors at all levels will support the use of available resources in the fight against substance abuse. Our combat readiness and community well-being depend on a fit and active soldier and civilian workforce. For information or assistance call the local ASAP office (FWA: 353-1370 and FRA: 384-1418).



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